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uprooting work at Allstedt airfield was completed by late June 1955. Grading work for the concrete lanes had already started. Chief of the construction site was still chief construction supervisor Engineer Klingenberg (fnu). Herr Bartig (fnu) was in charge of work and social affairs. The number of construction workers required at the site amounted to 735 men of which about 250 were still missing, in particular concrete workers for sub-surface construction work, engine drivers, and firemen. There were still poor social conditions for the construction workers and the morale was further deteriorated by the arrival of SSD officials. Dredgers and Diesel engines were requested by the construction staff at the field. There was considerable discord between the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder and the Tiefbau VEB Ing. Brandenburg in particular because of the fact that the target date could not be met. Work progressed rather slowly despite the fact that 10-hour workdays had been worked for the past 6 to 8 weeks. Reasons for the slow progress were; that work on the heavy soil was very difficult, lack of water supply, and the poor social conditions for the workers. 50X1-HUM

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Comment. Construction work at Allstedt airfield is still progressing slowly. on 2 July 1955 a train of 3 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars, and 38 flatcars with about 1,200 tons moved from Gross Doelln to Allstedt. It is assumed that the shipment carried construction personnel and construction equipment to Allstedt. The arrival of this shipment might accelerate construction work at the field. 50X1-HUM

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